

It is rumored that Hon. M. R. Smith, of St. Francois county, is considering the advisability of entering the race for Congress in this district.

On the first page of this paper is a letter from Hon. W. D. Vandiver to which I will make a friendly rejoinder next week, and give a reason or two for the faith that is in me. Fair discussion is good, and if I didn't think my side could bear it, it wouldn't be my side.

The Salem Monitor accuses the REGISTER of having published a "garbeled" quotation from the St. Louis Republic. Webster tells us nothing about "garbeled." We guess the word, like a great many other things that appear in the editorial columns of the Monitor, was invented in the office.

THERE is not a Christian people but desires the defeat of Russia in her contest with Japan. All Europe recognizes the menace of Russian power and encroachment, and over here in America, blood being thicker than water, we, too, feel that the welfare of our kindred depends upon the defeat of the Muscovite. Yet Japan is "a heathen country," and the cross is not her emblem. Which demonstrates that our faith in intelligent heathendom for righteousness and mercy is greater, far greater, than in the saving grace of Tartarized Christianity. The Russian churches resound with supplications to the God of Hosts for victory, and the Czar's war pronouncement is well garnished with devout sentences. Yet separate God from national self-interest and self-seeking, and we all know which must give way to the other. In this the Russian is not peculiar.

Bellevue Items.

Quite a number of our people have had the grip, among the number were Uncle Dave Palmer and wife and Marshall Petty and wife. S. E. Buford and wife, who have been quite ill, are now better.

Dr. Farrar has had some patients in Reynolds county, among others is a Mr. Lambeth, who has been seriously ill; while Dr. Adams, on yesterday, was called to Washington county. He reports Mrs. Dace and daughter as having been dangerously sick with pneumonia. Rev. C. M. Lambert filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Mrs. Quisenberry, after spending several weeks in the city, returned home last week.

W. H. Webb, after spending a few weeks here with his sister, Mrs. Roop, has returned to Sligo.

The Quarterly Conference of the Bellevue church will meet next Saturday at Caledonia, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Mr. Vaughn, P. E., will preside and preach on Saturday at 7 P. M. and 11 A. M., Sunday, 28th.

Clarence Kerlagan, a student at a medical college in St. Louis, was robbed last Saturday night of a gold watch, \$25 in money and some other valuables by a thief entering his room. He came home the following day, and his father returned Tuesday to the city with him.

On Monday, the 22d inst., it being the 94th anniversary of Rev. J. C. Berryman, quite a company, led by the pastor, L. H. Davis, visited the home of this venerable man at Caledonia. More than an hour was spent in social intercourse, music, reading the Scripture and in prayers. Mr. B. gave an impressive sketch of his life and eventful ministry. About 76 years ago he was received into the Methodist ministry and spent fourteen years of his life as a missionary among the Indians. In 1844 he was a member of the General Conference which met in New York, in which Episcopal Methodism became two distinct churches, and is the only surviving member of that memorable body. He and his wife are both feeble, yet Mr. B. was able to attend church the day before and take part in the services.

Des Are Items.

On account of bad weather nothing was done last week; no lumber, hubs or saw-logs came in.

Our side-tracks are blocked with loaded cars, the railroad company not having motive power to move them, notwithstanding that fifteen new engines have been added to the force.

There has been quite a lot of sickness in our town in the last week or so. The doctors have been kept busy.

The bad weather is causing the telephone people to get along slow. They are now between Sabula and Annapolis.

E. W. Graves has bought 40,000 pounds of flour, 4,700 pounds of lard and 20 barrels of sugar. It is a safe investment. Flour will be \$4.00 a hundred retail by spring; wheat is \$1.07 and still climbing. Our farmers who sold at 60c missed it this time.

There will be a day and night operator here at once on account of the heavy trains on the road. Freight trains get layed out here from four to six hours, all on account of no operator to give them orders.

Jack Brierton was in Des Are Sunday; also Bob McFadden from Piedmont.

E. G. Burks has had considerable trouble with his renter, Bud Laster. They have had several law suits at Annapolis, the last round Burks got beat with a judgment for \$200. He will appeal.

Mann Items.

The past week has been very disagreeable weather. It has been so sick that travel, except walking, was almost impossible.

The following have been on the sick list the past week: Mrs. Charley Buford, the little daughter of John Tullock, and two little boys of J. G. Hartman. A large number in this section are affected with severe colds or "grippe."

Marion Anderson's family have had the mumps. They will take charge of the Poor Farm this week.

A magic lantern show recently gave exhibitions at the school houses in the valley. It was a very poor affair, being neither entertaining or instructive.

There was no school at Cedar Grove Monday the 22d.

Comic valentines have been circulating lively the past two weeks, very few being slighted.

The general complaint here is that money is scarce; no hauling or work of any kind to do.

There was no Sunday school at the Grove Sunday, on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Hogan Items.

The works in our city have been shut down for the past week on account of bad weather.

There is a great deal of sickness around this part of the country.

Miss Cecily Kiser was in Ironton Friday on business.

John Goff, of Redford, was in our city Friday and Saturday.

Miss Maud Reese is visiting in our city this week.

Miss Florence Miller, of Crain Pond, is visiting her brother, Walter, this week.

Linn Holloman was seen on the streets of Hogan Saturday.

Little Inez Holloman, of Missoula, Montana, is in our city sick with measles.

Drew Smith has been sick for the past week.

Charley Holloman was with home folks Sunday.

Elsworth Miller was badly bruised by a fall Sunday night, but we really can't tell whether it was the fall or scare that hurt him so bad.

The Hogan Snipers were in Ironton Saturday night to celebrate pay day.

Sabula Items.

We are having very bad weather at present.

The Bell telephone men have been here the past week hauling out their poles.

Mose McNail shipped a carload of fine hogs from here Tuesday.

Sam Shy attended the ball at Piedmont Wednesday night.

Charles Carter spent the night in our town Thursday.

Florence Miller and little sister visited Mrs. Lee Dunn a few days this week.

A crowd of young folks of this place were invited to the residence of H. B. Counts to celebrate his daughter's, Miss Julia, seventeenth birthday. A nice time was reported.

Century Ramsy who was in town last week was seen pacing a race with Mr. Shy. Come again, Mr. Ramsy.

Lee Dunn, Ellis Counts, William Hughes and Lee Lewis, made a flying trip to Ironton Saturday.

C. Collins was in town Saturday looking so much like an old farmer that the hayseed was in his beard.

Mrs. Emma Collins went to Ironton a few days ago to have one of her eyes treated.

The melodious sound of the Sabula string band was heard in the barber shop Friday afternoon.

Pat Millery was seen on our streets Friday.

Ed. Maddox took supper at the hotel in this place Saturday.

John Thompson, of Crain Pond, was in town Saturday.

Chas. Russell and wife visited home folks on Crain Pond Saturday and Sunday.

M. E. Shattuck, of Ironton, was seen on our streets Sunday.

Little Festus Collins, son of Hartford, is very sick.

Vulean Items.

Owing to the very disagreeable weather there is not much work in progress. The mill only run one day last week.

Few logs are hauled, as most of the teams are employed hauling hubs.

Dave Jones and Ed. Ruble were home Saturday and Sunday from Peola visiting home folks.

R. Ruble and Levi Eldridge were in Piedmont last Friday.

Dr. Clarkson passed through here last week driving cattle.

Mattie Mann, of Black River, is very sick at present. She was taken sick while staying at Piedmont and is not able to be moved home. Her sister, Frona, is with her.

Pink Palmore passed through here Thursday.

Mr. Sutton and sister visited their sister here Saturday.

Brigham McMahan went to Iron Mountain Saturday.

Mrs. Joines gave a dance at her house Friday night, but owing to the slippery ground there were not very many present.

The famous damage suit, Feb. 20, 1904, between Wm. Laster and B. G. Burk, wherein the former sued the latter for \$26 for common labor, and \$200 for putting him out of the house. The court gave judgment against the defendant under default.

Some time ago there was a warrant sworn out for Lee Eldridge for disturbing the peace of J. H. Patrick's family. He gave the constable the dodge, but did not stay

away long. When he returned he was arrested and taken before Justice Kitchell, Annapolis, and gave a bond, and trial was set for the 20th. When the day arrived there were but two State witnesses present, and they got scared and left before the prosecuting attorney arrived. Some of the people say that our prosecuting attorney was in fault. But let it be as it may, he truly fulfilled his duty. We are sorry to think that those witnesses could not face our friend Lawyer Miley for a short time.

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Dear the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*


Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1904:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday.....	47	23	.25
Thursday.....	18	33	.65
Friday.....	19	20	.08
Saturday.....	20	25	.19
Sunday.....	21	34	1.00
Monday.....	22	47	.18
Tuesday.....	23	67	.31

NOTE—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

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